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What to do if your voice prosthesis falls out of the Tracheoesophageal Puncture (TEP).

Do not panic, assess the situation*

1. Are you having difficulty breathing?
   - **If so seek medical attention immediately**
2. Is the voice prosthesis lost? Do you believe the voice prosthesis fell into your trachea (windpipe) and possibly into your lungs?
   - **If so seek medical attention immediately**
3. **Follow the instructions from your Speech Language Pathologist and/or Physician on what to do in this situation (listed below).**
4. No matter what your situation, try not to swallow, saliva can pass through the tracheoesphageal puncture, into your windpipe and down into your lungs causing you to cough.
5. Your puncture can close in a matter of hours to days. Once you follow your Speech-Language Pathologist and/or Physician's instructions below, please contact them as soon as possible and let them know what has happened.
6. INSTRUCTIONS:

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TIP: Unless the puncture has closed naturally or is sealed by a catheter, you should still be able to talk by temporarily placing your thumb over your stoma opening and talking normally.

TIP: As a laryngectomee, always carry identification that you or a care giver can present to first responders or emergency room personnel telling them that you breathe through a stoma in your neck and not your nose and mouth. Carrying a small illustration showing where a voice prosthesis would normally be in place could prove helpful.

*** If any problems are noticed that are not listed here, the patient should still take action. The reported incidence of Provox® voice prostheses falling out are rare.**

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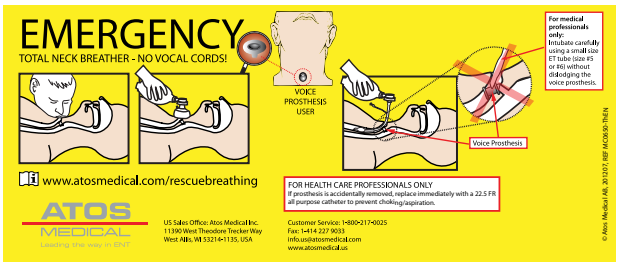
Suggested items you should carry in the event your voice prosthesis was swallowed and not in your windpipe or lungs.

1. Suggested Items:
   - Water soluble lubricating jelly (Surgilube® or K-Y Jelly®)
   - 17 Fr Tracheoesophageal Dilator* REF# 7122 (or something else to keep the puncture open - like an all purpose catheter, per your healthcare professional's instructions or prescription)
   - Medical Tape
   - Emergency Card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TOTAL NECK BREATHER - NO VOCAL CORDS!
VOICE PROSTHESIS USER
Voice Prosthesis
For medical professionals only:
Intubate carefully using a small size ET tube (size #5 or #6) without dilodging the voice prosthesis.
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If prosthesis is accidentally removed, replace immediately with a 22.5 FR all purpose catheter to prevent choking/aspiration.
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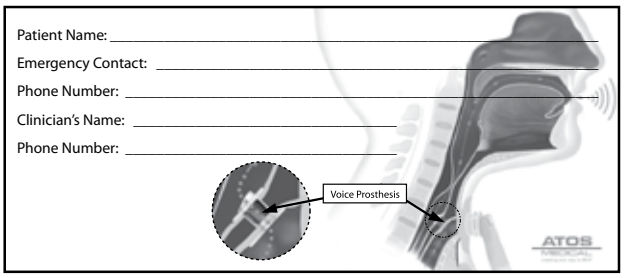

2. Atos Medical Inc. has assembled a Care Kit (REF# MP001) containing starter items you may need for this and any other situation:
   - Plastic Blunt Tipped Forceps
   - LED Mirror
   - Hand Sanitizer
   - Provox® Cleaning Towels
   - Emergency ID Card
   - Carrying Case
   - Call 1.800.217.0025 for more information on ordering the Atos Care Kit

If you go to the Emergency Room, please bring this instruction sheet as well as the Atos Care Kit with you.

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